

Appl. No. 10/613,285  
Atty. Docket No. CM2681M  
Amdt. dated 03/22/05  
Reply to Office Action of 09/28/2004  
Customer No. 27752

### REMARKS

Claims 5 and 9 are now in the application. Claim 9 recites the 1, 4-cyclohexanedimethanol of original Claim 3, as well as the viscosity parameter of original Claim 10. Claim 5 depends from Claim 9. It is submitted that the amendments are fully supported, and entry is requested.

### Affirmation of Election

The election of claims from Group 1, earlier made, is hereby affirmed. Claims 12 and 13 have been cancelled without prejudice to their being pursued in appropriate continuing applications separately from the Group 1 claims.

### Rejection Under 35 USC 112

The rejection of Claim has been obviated by the cancellation of that claim.

### Rejections Under 35 USC 102

The rejections of Claims 1-6 and 8 under §102 over WO 02/42408, for reasons of record at pages 5-7 of the Office Action, are respectfully traversed, to the extent they may apply to the claims as now amended.

While WO '408 teaches the formulation of detergent compositions by simple mixing of various ingredients (including amine oxides, among many other surfactants and including CHDM, among many solvents) it does not teach reacting amines with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> in the presence of CHDM to prepare the amine oxides, themselves. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections on this basis are therefore requested.

### Rejections Under 35 USC 103

The rejection of Claim 7 under §103 (Office Action, page 7) has been obviated by the cancellation of that claim.

Claims 9-11 stand rejected under §103 over U.S. 5,164,121, for reasons of record at pages 7-8 of the Office Action.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections on this basis, to the extent they may apply to the claims as now amended.

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